correspondence, which was intercepted and caused his death.

Many people think M. de Rohan (Chabot that was) will marry little Madame Laborde. Others say, *il est trop frivole pour cela.*

Madame de Nort, who has a large collection of original pictures to sell, where I have been selecting some for Benfield/ is the wife of Vaillant, the ornitho-catcher. She has retaken her maiden name, because, after being three years absent, he came back with a new wife and three children. She has a son ; so, by agreement between his father and her, she has got possession of his cabinet of birds, which she parted with to the nation, and in return they have given her what they think the sweeping of the emigrant plunder; but there are many charming things amongst them.

I do not think I shall have any difficulty in obtaining from the Directory leave for poor Durand[2] to return to his plough, though not to his vicarage, if he wishes it. My situation puts me in the way of seeing many people, and of making pleasant acquaintances; but *le coin de mon feu me*

seduit, and I do not go about much.

1 Brother-in-law to Mr. Swinburne.
2 Tutor to bis children.